

REMARKS

Claims 9, 12, 14, and 15 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 14 and 15 are allowed.

The Examiner will note that claim 12 (from which claim 9 depends) has been amended to include subject matter the Examiner notes (with respect to allowed claim 14) is not disclosed in the prior art, thereby rendering moot the rejection of claims 9 and 12. In this regard, claim 12 has been amended to recite that the varactor diode alternative circuit is adapted to tune an oscillating frequency of an oscillator circuit whose oscillating frequency is tunable, the tuning being by adjusting a capacitance of the alternative circuit in response to a control voltage. As the Examiner notes, the prior art does not disclose or suggest a varactor diode alternative circuit configured to tune the oscillating frequency of an oscillator circuit having a tunable oscillating frequency, by adjusting a capacitance of the alternative circuit in response to a control voltage. Accordingly, claims 9 and 12 are in condition for immediate allowance.

Accordingly, all of pending claims 9, 12, 14, and 15 are allowable.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as originally presented in a continuation patent application. Further, any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of this application is expressly rescinded as regards any subsequently filed patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 9, 12, 14, and 15 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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